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means of a narrowed portion to parts of the carrier extending substantially in lengthwise direction of the carrier.

24. (Amended) Holder as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that the holder is manufactured by injection moulding or thermoforming of plastic.

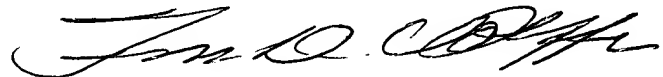
25. (Amended) Holder as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the carrier is manufactured from flat material in which at least three lips are punched at the position of each clamping element, which lips are adapted to fixedly clamp the plant cuttings.

### REMARKS

By this amendment, an Abstract has been inserted and multiple dependencies have been eliminated. Examination on the merits of the instant application is respectfully requested.

Annexed hereto is a marked-up version of the amendments made in the instant amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:

1. Marked-Up Version of Amendments Made
2. Abstract of the Disclosure

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**Marked-Up Version of Amendments Made****IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1, 3-8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 24, and 25, have been amended herein as follows:

1. (Amended) Holder for plant cuttings, comprising at least one carrier and a series of clamping elements which are fixed to the carrier and which are each adapted to clamp a plant cutting, wherein the clamping elements are fixed to the carrier such that plant cuttings clamped in the clamping elements extend substantially parallel to each other, and the ~~center~~center of each of the clamping elements is situated substantially in the same central plane.
3. (Amended) Holder as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that the carrier extends as a strip and that the clamping elements are fixed to the carrier at regular mutual distances.
4. (Amended) Holder as claimed in claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, characterized in that the clamping elements are each fixed on the same side of the carrier.
5. (Amended) Holder as claimed in ~~any of the foregoing claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the mutual distance between the clamping elements on one side of the carrier is greater than or equal to the mutual distance between the ~~center~~center of the clamping elements so that two carriers with their clamping elements can be placed between each other.
6. (Amended) Holder as claimed in ~~any of the foregoing claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the carrier is substantially flexible.
7. (Amended) Holder as claimed in ~~any of the claims 1-5~~claim 1, characterized in that the carrier is divided into substantially rigid pieces which are coupled in mutually flexible manner.

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8. (Amended) Holder as claimed in ~~any of the claims 1-5~~claim 1, characterized in that the carrier has been made substantially from rigid material.

11. (Amended) Holder as claimed in ~~any of the foregoing claims~~claim 1, characterized in that the clamping elements each comprise at least two parts, at least one of which is connected resiliently to the carrier.

13. (Amended) Holder as claimed in claim 11~~-or-12~~, characterized in that the inner walls of both parts of the clamping elements have an upward diverging form on one side.

14. (Amended) Holder as claimed in claim 11,~~12-or-13~~, characterized in that the inner wall of both parts of the clamping elements together have a substantially oval section.

15. (Amended) Holder as claimed in claim 12,~~13-or-14~~, characterized in that each of the parts is connected to the carrier by at least two bridges.

~~13~~18. (Amended) Holder as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the carrier comprises elements which extend parallel to the axis of the clamping elements and which are connected by means of a narrowed portion to parts of the carrier extending substantially in lengthwise direction of the carrier.

24. (Amended) Holder as claimed in ~~any of the claims 9-23~~claim 9, characterized in that the holder is manufactured by injection moulding or thermoforming of plastic.

25. (Amended) Holder as claimed in ~~any of the claims 1-6~~claim 1, characterized in that the carrier is manufactured from flat material in which at least three lips are punched at the position of each clamping element, which lips are adapted to fixedly clamp the plant cuttings.